

VHRI Medicaid Reform Task Force

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**Workers with Disabilities
and Medicaid**

Virginia's Medicaid Buy-In Program:

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The program enables workers with disabilities to earn higher income and retain more in savings, or resources, than is usually allowed by Medicaid.

It provides the support of continued health care coverage so that people can work, save and gain greater independence from public assistance programs while contributing to the tax base of the community and to its economic growth.

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Overview

Base Eligibility Requirements:

- Disabled
- 16 through 64 years of age (required by Ticket Act)
- Employed or have confirmation letter from employer
- Meet all requirements of Medicaid group with income \leq 80% of poverty (\$722/month, \$8,664/year in 2010)

Upon Enrollment

- Potential to have total countable income of up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level (\$21,660 in 2010) or gross earnings of up to \$44,100
- Allowable resources or savings from earnings up to \$30,600 in 2010
- Available health care services include personal assistance services, both in-home and in the workplace

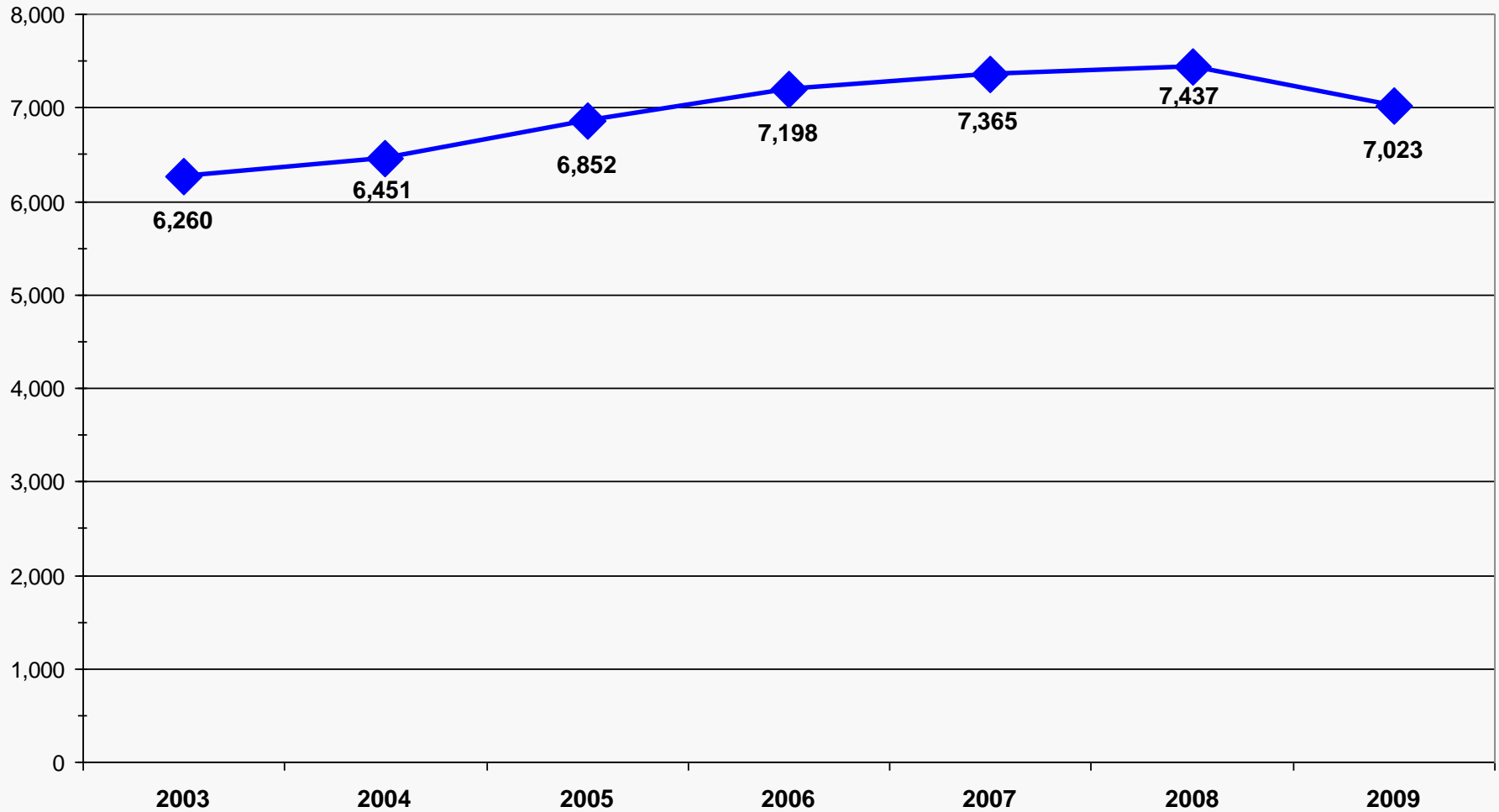
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Enrollee Demographics

As of September 2010, 27 workers with disabilities enrolled
(more than 50 participants since program began Jan. 2007)

- Age range: 20 to 60
- Gender: 14 Female and 13 Male
- Hourly wage range: \$7.25 to \$20.00 (2 self-employed)
- Average Hours: over 20 weekly (range 16 to 40)

Disabled & Blind SSI Recipients Using SSA Work Incentives in Virginia 2003 - 2009



◆ Total blind & disabled SSI recipients who work and may be enrolled in Medicaid